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Case No. 9281/4664 TRANSMITTAL LETTER Group Art Unit Filing Date Examiner Serial No. 10/650,393 August 27, 2003 Inventor(s) Kenichi Mitsumori et al. Title of Invention Ultrasonic Cleaner and Wet Treatment Nozzle comprising Same

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| | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27. | | | | | | | | | |
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 - 1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 to A6 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the listed references are enclosed herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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